

The FCC should encourage diversity in media by limiting concentration of ownership

I would like to voice my disagreement with the FCC's proposal to change the present rules limiting how many radio stations a single company can own.

I've read arguments saying that new media such as the internet and satellite radio open enough opportunity for diversity of opinion that radio ownership regulations are no longer needed, but I disagree. Radio is the main window to the world for many people, who neither read nor listen to satellite radio.

The airwaves are a public resource. Those who are given the use of them should have to serve the community by presenting diverse opinion, news sources, entertainment, etc. The concentration of the media into fewer hands does a disservice to the community and should be regulated.

Furthermore, I would like to mention that I find it passing strange that the FCC has no information about this pending policy change on their website nor do they seem to be inviting public comment. It almost seems that they are trying to avoid informing the public and asking for public input. I think it is time for Congress to take an interest in these matters and pass legislation that will encourage diversity in radio and television.

Thanks,

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